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MEETING NOTICE

APRIL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 15, 2026
7:00 p.m.

Bellevue University
Hitchcock Humanities Building
1040 Bruin Boulevard, Room 202
Bellevue, NE.

Parking is available in any lot on campus

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84568560093?pwd=bair4Qfa7aI2OV6ZJbEbNzCyd7aI7r.1>

Meeting ID: 845 6856 0093

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PROGRAM

Lou Meyers

Disabled Dogs, Training and Challenges

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MARCH GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 18, 2026
7:00pm CST

Zoom Meeting

Bellevue University Hitchcock Humanities Building

1040 Bruin Boulevard, Room 202 Bellevue, NE.

Parking is available in any lot on campus

Topic: Nebraska Kennel Club Secretary's Zoom Meeting Time: March 18, 2026 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Speaker/Presentation: Sheryl Bradbury - Ring Stewarding

Called to Order @ 7:06 pm.

Members in Attendance:

In Person / Sheryl Bradbury, Sue Volkmer, Norine Nieman, Katelyn Kruse, Brooklyn Petersen, Lana Petersen, Sally Clayshulte,

Zoom: Dalton Shotkowski, Erica Radach, Bre Clayton, Liz Shotkowski, Karen Fife, Barb Hill, Medora Harper

Guests via Zoom:

Approval of the Minutes from November General Membership Meeting as published in the Growler Gazette – Sue Volkmer moved to approve, Michelle Myers seconded, motion carried

Report of the President – Sheryl Bradbury - Excited about many things going on within the club. A lot of marketing is happening and we are seeing results.

Report of the Vice President – Sue Volkmer – NTR

Report of the Secretary – Lana Petersen - NTR

Report of the Treasurer - Norine Nieman - Explanation of February Treasurer's Report

Membership - N/A

*Have attended meeting and application read.

Old Business:

Host for June picnic will be Shery Bradbury with a demonstration of Pointer Gun Dog by Michelle Myers and Dalton Shotkowski

New Business

Michelle Myers -DOGLAND by Tommy Tomlinson / The history behind the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show : Suggestion for good reading

Michelle Myers - Omaha Police Department Facebook page has received donation from Vested Interest in K9's for bullet and stab protective vests for canines.

2026 General Meeting Programs & Location:

March 18, 2026 - Ring Stewarding/Sheryl Bradbury-Katelyn Kruse

April 15, 2026 - Lou Meyers, Disabled Dogs, Training and Challenges

May 20, 2026 -

June 17(?), 2026 - Club Picnic - No Formal General Meeting/Need suggestions for ideas for picnic

July 2026 - No General Member Meeting

August 19, 2026 -

September 16, 2026 -

October 21 -

November 18 -

December 16 - Holiday Party/No Formal General Meeting

2026 NKC Event Dates -

FastCAT - April 17, 18 & 19, 2026 - Banner Park/Michelle Myers & Ron Weaks /Finalizing SignUpGenious and will be sending this week. We are asking for 4 hour increments, but if you are willing to work two hours, please contact Michelle Myers and we will get that organized. NKC All Breed Dog Show - May 15, 16, 17, 2026, Sandhills Global Event Center, Lincoln, NE.

Pointer National - May 14, 2026 - Everything is set for National, including catering Junior Showmanship Regional Event - May 16, 2026 / Lizz is working on amazing and exciting things for the kids. Everything has been approved by AKC.

Scent Work Trial - July 10 - 12, 2026, Iowa Western Community College - Volunteers are needed. All good, looking for volunteers

Detective Trial - July 26, 2026, Bellevue University, Bellevue, NE. Will be in the building that we meeting in. Everything is set and ready to go

FastCAT - September 11 - 13, 2026 Michelle Myers. NTR

Tracking Test - November 8, 2026 Shelly Rehmeier - NTR

Scent Work Trial - December 4-6, 2026 Part will be at Warner Park, but working hard on trying to find location

Holiday Party - December 16, 2026

You are encouraged all to send in brags and news to Sharon Bourke for the Growler. Her email address is omahasb@aol.com

Presentation / will follow adjournment.

Michelle Myers moved to adjourn Sally Clayshulte seconded; motion carried. Adjournment: 7:22pm

Submitted by Lana Petersen, Secretary

APRIL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 1, 2026, 7:00pm CST

Zoom Meeting:
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84223141333?pwd=H2hnY4rvQhhuxN88QuTFN3uSPC4kmV.1>

Meeting ID: 842 2314 1333

Passcode: 963033

Call to order: 7:00pm CST

Attendance:

Via Zoom: Sheryl Bradbury, Sue Volkmer, Barb Hill, Norine Nieman, Shelly Rehmeier, Nina Gottsch, Michelle Myers, Liz Stone

Absent: Shayne Fili

Approval of Minutes from March 2026 Board meeting: Norine Nieman moved to approve _____ Michelle Myers seconded the motion, motion carried, Abstained: Sheryl Bradbury

Report of the President – Sheryl Bradbury/Very excited about the FastCat event. Michelle & Ron working well together and there is some social media coverage and excitement.

Report of the Vice President – Sue Volkmer/NTR

Report of the Treasurer – Norine Nieman/ Read and Reviewed March Financials

Report of the Secretary – Lana Petersen/ NTR

New Membership Applications:

N/A

*Have attended meeting and application read. Will be voted on at the general member meeting

Unfinished Business:

Facebook Private Group Dissolution, update - Shelly/Shelly responds that it is not completed. She requested Lizz's information from Sheryl.

Scholarship Revamp - Nina Gottsch /Policy Scenarios -National Breed or Westminster travel expenses: Any junior that we would be sponsoring would be a member of the club. How many are we going to sponsor? It was decided that we would table this event to the next meeting. The board agreed that we need to further identify the different nationals and qualifications to be able to further discuss.

2026 October Cornhusker Fast CAT@Kennel Club Volunteer Discussion - Cornhusker is just asking for NKC to volunteer for helping with the Fast Cat event.

Tracking Workshop/ Sue Volkmer & Shelly Rehmeier - Sue and Shelly are working on details and trying to find a place to hold it.

New Business:

2026 Platte Valley KC All Breed Dog Show Permission. They would like to have permission to host their All-Breed show at the Omaha Sport Complex, October 17-18, 2026.

Approval to allow Platte Valley KC / Fremont to hold their October 17-18, 2026 show at the Omaha Sport Complex

Michelle Myers moved to approve Norine Nieman seconded the motion, motion carried. Sheryl will call them tomorrow to let them know.

Plants for the show photo area at the All Breed Dog Show - Sue Volkmer asked for approval to have the club pay for a portion of the plants used at photography booth for the All-Breed Show.

Approval of \$150 paid to Viaduct Gardens for plants for show: Norine Nieman moved to approve Shelly Rehmeier seconded the motion, motion carried,
Abstain: Sue Volkmer

Discussion of Money Market Account:

Approval of movement of \$10,000 from Money Market Account & \$10,000 from Checking Account and purchasing a CD from Union Bank or highest Bank as of April 1, 2026: Lana Petersen moved to approve Sue Volkmer seconded the motion, motion carried, Abstained: Sheryl Bradbury

Approval of funds of \$507.46 to pay for Fast Cat magnets Sue Volkmer moved to approve Norine Nieman seconded the motion, motion carried.

2026 General Meeting Programs & Location:

April 15, 2026 - Lou Meyers, Disabled Dogs, Training and Challenges

May 20, 2026 - Dr. Whitley Case, Rise Animal Wellness and Rehabilitation; Dr Case is going to talk about her clinic and provide couple of simple exercises to help us keep our dogs health and sound

June 17(?), 2026 - Club Picnic - Sheryl Bradbury's home /No Formal General Meeting

July 2026 - No General Member Meeting

August 19, 2026 - Pending

September 16, 2026 - Jordan Ridder, retired U.S. Marine Corps Dog Handler. He will be talking about his time as a dog handler in the military

October 21, 2026 -

November 18 -

December 16 - Holiday Party/No Formal General Meeting

2026 NKC Event Dates -

Fast CAT - April 17, 18 & 19, 2026 - Banner Park/Michelle Myers & Ron Weaks - Photographer has been found and will have merchandise to also sell. Volunteers are signing up, but we are needing more volunteers. Michelle was asked to contact Lizz Koehn and put the volunteer list on Dogs Sport facebook page. Michelle has agreed that she would like to continue with FastCat events in the future.

NKC All Breed Dog Show - May 15, 16, 17, 2026, Sandhills Global Event Center, Lincoln, NE -2026 Dog Show Committee report - Entries are up and going. There were some errors on Premium of Judges, which has now been fixed, Committees are all working hard in these final weeks. The Exhibitor party will be a Taco Bar and all exhibitors and Vendors will be invited.

Pointer National - May 14, 2026 - Pointer National will have a check on day of show for NKC

Junior Showmanship Regional Event - May 16, 2026 -

Scent Work Trial - July 10 - 12, 2026, Iowa Western Community College - Everything is ready to go.

Detective Trial - July 26, 2026, Bellevue University, Bellevue, NE.

FastCAT - September 11 - 13, 2026 Michelle Myers - NTR

Tracking Test - November 8, 2026 Shelly Rehmeier - NTR

Scent Work Trial - December 4-6, 2026 @ Werner Park - NTR

Holiday Party - December 16, 2026 - Shayne Fili - NTR

Growler Deadline – April 3, 2026

Shelly Rehmeier motioned to adjourn at 8:29 pm. Sue Volkmer seconded; motion carried

---Submitted by Lana Petersen, Secretary

2025 Scent Work Committee Report

NKC hosted two scent work trial weekends in 2025 with a total of six individual trials. The first trial weekend was July 11 – 13, 2025 at Iowa Western Community College in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Our judges were Johnnette Ulch, Chris Eblen, and Brenda Bruce. We offered all four elements: interiors, exteriors, containers and buried. We had 84 people showing 118 dogs in 941 runs. There was a 62% pass rate for the entire weekend. Two dogs and handlers achieved their overall Master titles this weekend. They were Lewis, owned by Sally Clayshulte and Rory, owned by Chara Eckery. Congratulations to these exceptional teams! This year we had an added attraction of a Tiki Hut photo station. It was a huge hit. We had expenses of approximately \$14,000 and an income of approximately \$20,000 for a profit of just under \$7,000. We also had approximately \$900 in vouchers turned in for entry fees. This was our biggest trial in terms of the number of runs, and once again, the volunteers, members and nonmembers alike, stepped up to make this trial run smoothly. So, a big thank you to the volunteers. Thank you to my committee: Sharee Newman, Shelly Rehmeier, and Ron Weak. I would like to thank Sharee for being our volunteer coordinator, Shelly Rehmeier for being my go-to person when something needed to be done, to Norine Nieman for being our trial secretary and generally keeping us all on task. Finally, thank you to Sharee Newman for the getting the Tiki hut booth backdrop and all the accessories, setting it up, tearing it down, etc. We did have one incident at this trial. A volunteer was bitten on the hand by a competitor's dog while trying to return something that dropped off the harness in the search area. With the help of President Sheryl Bradbury, the committee worked its way through the incident in accordance with AKC policies.

Our second trial weekend was held on December 5-7, 2025. On Friday, we held two handler discrimination trials, two buried trials, two detective trials and non-regular class we call the Super Sniffer. This class is a non-titling fun class that involved an unknown number of hides. The team gets points for each hide they find and loses points for incorrect calls. Highest point totals wins. We gave out prizes for 1st through 3rd. All this happened at a new location, the North Elkhorn Fire Station. This Station is so new it is still under construction, but we were given the opportunity to use it. The feedback on the site was pretty positive, in particular, they loved searching the vehicle bay. We hope to use it at least once more before it is manned in the next year or so. On Saturday and Sunday, we returned to Werner Park, home of the Omaha Stormchasers and the Sarpy County Tourism Offices where we held one trial of interiors, exteriors, and containers each day. Our judges were Khara Scheutzner, Brenda Bruce, Jeff Hartzler, and Juli Jurgens. Both Jeff and Juli were provisional judges for one or more of the elements. For the weekend, we had 70 people showing 93 dogs in 633 runs. There was a 60% pass rate. The fastest run of the weekend was earned by Riley, owned by Lori Tranmer. Riley's run was 3.18 seconds in the Novice B Interior class. We had two dog and handler teams finish their Overall Master Title. They were Savvy, owned by Becca Harris; and Finley, owned by Sam Vangi. Congratulations to these dogs and handlers! We also had a photo op at this trial, a ski cabin/mountain scene. Much like the summer trial, the photo op was a huge hit complete with fun accessories for the dogs. Thank you Sharee Newman for heading up that fun feature. We had expenses of approximately \$11,000 and an income of approximately \$14,000 for a profit of approximately \$3,000. We also had entry fees paid with \$1,500 in vouchers. Thank you to Kari with the Stormchasers and Alex with Sarpy County Tourism for letting us their spaces for two days. I would like to thank the scent work committee Sharee Newman, Shelly Rehmeier, Ron Weak, and Chara Eckery. I want to thank Sharee Newman, our volunteer coordinator, and all those who helped setup, tear down, and worked the trial. We certainly can have these events without the volunteer army. Thank you Sharon Dowell for the idea of the Super Sniffer and coming up with the rules. Finally, a big thank you to Norine Nieman, our trial secretary.

We also held two standalone detective trials at Bellevue University on July 27, 2025. We also added the non-regular class, Super Sniffer. Our judges were Sharon Dowell and Brenda Bruce. We had 18 runs in the first trial with 4 qualifying teams. There were 16 runs in the second trial with 2 qualifying teams. We had two exhibitors earn their Detective titles!! That's 10 qualifying runs. They were Zira, owned by Beth Huddleston and Sulley (qualifying 10 runs in a row), owned by Shelly Rehmeier. Congratulations to these two exceptional teams! Our expenses were approximately \$1,200. Our income was approximately \$1,800. Our profit was approximately \$600. Thank you to Sharee Newman for being the co-chair for these trials. Sharee and I would like to thank our volunteers who helped the judges and ran central gate out in the heat. Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. As always, thank you Norine, our trial secretary, for all that you do.

Respectfully submitted,

AKC Delegates Report

At the March Delegate's quarterly meeting, the new Board of Directors class was elected. There were 9 candidates, both from the Nominating Committee and by petition. It took several ballots to elect this class. Some candidates dropped out following few votes. Dominic and Josh from the Nominating Committee were elected as was Sue Goldberg from petition.

Gina announced a new committee was being formed to assist breeders and mentors. I do not have a lot of information on this new committee at this time. I will pass on more info as received. Another new committee will be called Family Pack. The intent here is to promote children and dogs. It will be for newborn puppies and children from preschool on. Not enough information here yet, but you can follow it on AKC Canine College. AKC will now recognize Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) titles to be added to AKC titles for your dog. If you have an older dog who has a CKC title, that dog can be added to its AKC titles. I also urge members to check out the AKC Board minutes, as information does appear there that Delegates are not aware of until Board minutes are printed.

*Submitted by
Medora Harper, AKC Delegate*

GROWLER ADVERTISING RATES

NKC members: \$10.00 per 1/8th of a page,
\$75.00 for a full page

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\$112.50 for a full page

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2026 Calendar of Events



April 15	General Meeting
April 17, 18, & 19	Fast Cat
May 6	Board Meeting
May 14	Pointer National
May, 15, 16 & 17	All Breed Dog Show
May 20	General Meeting
June 3	Board Meeting
June 17	Club Picnic
July 1	Board Meeting
July 10 – 12	Scent Work Trial
July 15	No General Meeting
July 26	Detective Trial
August 5	Board Meeting
August 19	General Meeting
September 2	Board Meeting
September 11 – 13	FastCAT
September 16	General Meeting
October 7	Board Meeting
October 21	General Meeting
November 4	Board Meeting
November 8	Tracking Test
November 18	General Meeting
December 2	Board Meeting
December 4-6	Scent Work Trial
December 16	Holiday Party

Note: List subject to change --Sharon Bourke, Editor